



## An Optimistic View.

The invalid looked out of the window just as a hearse went by, and he smiled happily.

"Dye mind, Biddy," he said, "it's worth th' dyin' to have a ride in a thing like that, with th' feathers on top an' a mau with a bug on his hat, an' you bein' gr-reater an' more necessary than th' marshal iv a St. Patrick's day parade. There's wanst in yer life ye're th' whole thing, an' that's whin ye're dead."—Chicago Post.

## Precaution.

"Do you think you can give my daughter the surroundings to which she is accustomed?" asked the parent.

"Well," answered the young man, "I won't guarantee that. You see, Claribel has talked the matter over and says she's tired of the neighborhood."—Washington Star.

## Doubly a Blessing.

American Bride—Indeed, count, yes; I do love you very much.

Count Boylon de Bakkovisnek—Ah! Zat will repair my ruined life.

American Bride—And I bring you, you know, a million.

Count Boylon, etc.—Ah! Zat will repair my ruined chateau.—Chicago Tribune.

## Matter Out of Place.

A particular old gentleman, pulling something out of his soup that should not have been included among the other ingredients, thus addressed his cook:

"Josephine, I am much obliged for your thoughtfulness, but next time kindly give it to me in a locket."—Tit-Bits.

## Sure to Be Seen.

Merchant—I wish this dry goods advertisement put in some part of the paper where the woman will be sure to see it.

Editor—Why, great snakes, man! When we want to print anything where the women will be sure to see it, we put it alongside of a dry goods advertisement.—N. Y. Weekly.

## It Never Wears Out.

You may break, and you may shatter  
Man's heart if you will;  
But it always is good for  
Another break still.  
—Chicago Record-Herald.

## PART OF HIS TRADE.



Mrs. Annie—Are you not ashamed at your age to smoke cigarettes?

Mr. B. Stormer—No, I am obliged to do it for a living.

Mrs. Annie—What, smoke cigarettes for a living. What do you mean?

Mr. B. Stormer—Why, madam, I am the villain in a melodrama. — Chicago Tribune.

## Fleece.

There were ninety and nine that safely lay  
In the shelter of the fold;  
But one to Wall street strayed away,  
Where the bulls and the bears with his  
Fleece got gay,  
And the wind wasn't tempered for him  
That day.  
And that lamb caught its death of cold.  
—Houston (Tex.) Post.

## An Envious Position.

Biggs—I met a man yesterday who makes his living by buying millinery.

Boggs—Well, what of it?  
Biggs—Oh, nothing; only I've been buying millinery ever since I was married, and I never made any money by it.—N. Y. Herald.

## Full Particulars.

"Do you want me to find out just what he said, verbatim?" asked the detective, about to depart on a difficult mission.

"Yes, sir," said the chief inspector, with dignity. "I want his statement, verbatim, ad litteram, et asphaltum."—Chicago Tribune.

## Not True Now.

"Who was it that said it was cheaper to move than to pay rent?"

"I don't know, but I am reasonably sure of one thing."  
"What's that?"

"The remark was made before the teamsters had their union in working order."—Brooklyn Eagle.

## The Truth Will Out.

The Parson (to stranger)—This is the first time I have had the pleasure of seeing you at our church. Where is your regular place of worship, may I ask?

Young Man—Why, er—at her father's house, to be sure.—Chicago Daily News.

## The Truly Remarkable.

"Do you think there is anything remarkable in love at first sight?" asked the romantic youth.

"Not at all," answered the cynic.

"It's when people have been looking at each other for four or five years that it becomes remarkable."—Washington Star.

## Get One of Them Right.

"I wonder why so many men live double lives," says the earnest student of humanity.

"It may be," ventured the equally earnest student of human nature "that they do so in order to correct one of the lives the mistakes they make in the other."—Baltimore American.

## False Alarm.

Poor slaves of fickle Fortune's whim,  
How many people whom  
That they are getting in the swim,  
But find it's just the soup.  
—Philadelphia Press.

## HIRED IN SELF-DEFENSE.



"I'm Prof. Herr and I came to give you a singing lesson."

"Why, I didn't send for you!"

"I know it; but aren't you the lad that sings every evening?"

"Yes."

"Well, the neighbors sent for me and paid me for the lessons in advance."—N. Y. Journal.

## His Private Opinion.

He says "all men are equal."  
But in his heart you'll find  
He feels that he is gifted with  
A most superior mind.  
—Washington Star.

## His Method.

"This party," said the grand vizier "is willing to allow us ten per cent discount."

"Good!" said the sultan. "See if you can't get him to send us a check for the discount and tell him we'll pay the bill in the regular course."—Puck.

## Artistic.

"She is very artistic," said the impressionable youth.

"Yes," answered the man with the steady eye, "she is one of the sort of girls who think a bunch of hand painted daisies are more important on a dinner plate than an omelette."—Washington Star.

## Lineage.

Willie—Say, pa, do men descend from monkeys.

Father—Yes, my son.

Willie—What do monkeys descend from?

Father (puzzled)—The monkeys descend from—er, aw—trees, my son.—N. Y. Journal.

## Not Popular.

"Miss Sereleaf says that she was called 'The Poster Girl' at the resort where she spent the summer," remarked Maude.

"Very appropriate," replied Mamie. "She was up against the wall most of the time, I noticed."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

## An Historic Bird.

Customer—What sort of a chicken do you call this?

Waiter—That sir, I believe, is a Plymouth Rock.

Customer—Ah, I'm glad it has some historic interest. I thought it was just an ordinary cobblestone.—Chicago American.

## Why Not?

A certain small child named Llewellyn To its fond, loving mother flew yellicy.

When hit on the pate  
By a frolicsome mate—  
Say, how do you like this new spelly?  
—St. Louis Chronicle.

## INNOCENT LITTLE JOHNNIE.



Mother—Stop pulling the cat's tail, Johnnie!

Johnnie—I'm not pulling it, maw. I'm just holding his tail and he's pulling it himself.—Chicago Daily News.

## A Fair Traveler.

He gazed into her azure orbs,  
As soft blue as the sky;  
He was an oculist, and she  
Had cinders in her eye.  
—N. Y. Herald.

## It Would Cool Them Off.

Hewitt—I tell you, it's too hot to go to the theater.

Jewett—Oh, come along; the play will be a frost, anyway.—N. Y. Times.

## Then He Got Busy.

He—Miss Clara, your lips are like ripe cherries.

She—And er—are you fond of ripe cherries, George?—Chicago Daily News.

## BIG PRIZE FOR AERONAUTS.

St. Louis Fair Management Appro-  
priates \$200,000 for Flights  
in 1904.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition company has issued its rules and regulations governing the aeronautical contests to be held at the world's fair in 1904. The company has appropriated \$200,000 for the contests. Of this sum \$100,000 is offered as a grand prize to be competed for and awarded under the rules and conditions given out. Fifty thousand dollars has been appropriated for minor and subsidiary prizes for competitions between airships, balloons, airship motors and kites. The remaining \$50,000 is reserved for the expense incident to the competition. The rules are:

Competition for the grand prize of \$100,000 is open to all the world without limitation as to the power used or mechanical principles involved.

Each applicant must present satisfactory evidence of having at some time made a flight over at least a mile course and return with a machine similar in principle to that which he proposes to use in the competition.

As an evidence of good faith an entrance fee of \$250 will be required, which will be refunded when the exhibitor occupies the space assigned him with an apparatus conforming to the rules.

Each vehicle shall carry at least one person during its flight.

The competitors making the best average speed shall be awarded the grand prize of \$100,000, together with a suitable diploma, medal or certificate.

The length of the entire course will not be less than ten miles, nor more than 15 miles.

## YOUNGEST BRIDGE JUMPER.

Wheeling (W. Va.) Messenger Boy  
Drops One Hundred and Fifty  
Feet for Sixty-Five Cents.

In full view of several hundred people, Teddy McGrane, a messenger boy, jumped from the suspension bridge over the Ohio river at Wheeling, W. Va., a distance of 150 feet, for a paltry sum. A professional high diver, showing at a street carnival in a neighboring town, had reported he would do it, but he failed to show up, whereupon young McGrane, who was one of the assembled spectators, quietly announced he would make the leap. His words were not taken seriously, but when he got 65 cents from the people close around him in the crowd he mounted the rail and dropped off, making a beautiful descent, feet downward all the way, though his body curved slightly before striking the water. He disdained a skiff that hurried to him and swam the 50 yards to shore, landing without a bruise. The boy is said by his playmates to be a water dog.

## BIG PHILIPPINE CIGAR.

One Which Is Sixty-Three Inches  
Long in Possession of Paymaster  
General Bates of Army.

Paymaster General Bates, of the army, possesses the largest cigar in the world. It is 63 inches long and as large around as a man's arm at the thickest section. Its composition includes 22 classes of Philippine tobacco. The huge cigar is the gift of Maj. W. H. Comegys, of the pay department, who sent it to the paymaster with this note: "I send you the largest cigar you have ever seen. It is made of a number of the finest brands of tobacco grown in the islands. This was manufactured at San Fernando do Union, in Union province, P. I. The case is also a curiosity. It may be called a family cigar, as all smoke it, and the grandmother is supposed to finish it, or the cigar to finish the grandmother."

## King Edward's Wine Cooler.

The biggest wine cooler is at Windsor and belongs to the king. It was made for George IV, and two men could sit in it with ease.

## THE MARKETS.

Cincinnati, Sept. 6.  
CATTLE—Common 3 35 @ 4 35  
Choice steers 6 35 @ 8 55  
CALVES—Extra 8 00 @ 8 00  
HOGS—Ch. packers 7 50 @ 7 75  
Mixed packers 7 15 @ 7 50  
SHEEP—Extra 3 00 @ 3 10  
LAMBS—Extra 5 50 @ 5 50  
FLOUR—Spring pat. 3 75 @ 4 00  
WHEAT—No. 2 red 71 @ 71  
No. 3 red 68 @ 68  
CORN—No. 2 mixed 62 @ 62½  
OATS—No. 2 mixed 29 @ 29½  
RYE—No. 2 54½ @ 55  
HAY—Ch. timothy, new 12 00 @ 12 25  
PORK—Clear cut 18 00 @ 19 00  
LARD—Steam 10 87½ @ 10 87½  
BUTTER—Ch. dairy 12½ @ 12½  
Choice creamery 21 @ 21  
APPLES—Fancy 2 00 @ 2 50  
POTATOES—Per bbl 1 35 @ 1 50  
TOBACCO—New 3 00 @ 11 00  
Old 7 95 @ 16 00

Chicago.  
FLOUR—Win. patent 3 40 @ 3 60  
WHEAT—No. 2 red 71½ @ 71½  
CORN—No. 2 mixed 61½ @ 62  
OATS—No. 2 mixed 29½ @ 30  
RYE—No. 2 50 @ 50  
PORK—Mess 16 70 @ 16 75  
LARD—Steam 10 35 @ 10 40

New York.  
FLOUR—Win. st's. 3 40 @ 3 50  
WHEAT—No. 2 red 76½ @ 76½  
CORN—No. 2 mixed 69½ @ 69½  
OATS—No. 2 mixed 34 @ 34  
RYE—Western 30 @ 30  
PORK—Mess 17 75 @ 18 75  
LARD—Steam 10 80 @ 10 80

Baltimore.  
WHEAT—No. 2 red 72½ @ 72½  
Southern—Sample 67 @ 72  
CORN—No. 2 mixed 62 @ 62  
OATS—No. 2 mixed 31 @ 31½  
CATTLE—Butchers 6 00 @ 6 50  
HOGS—Western 8 10 @ 8 20

Louisville.  
WHEAT—No. 2 red 70 @ 70  
CORN—No. 2 mixed 63½ @ 63½  
OATS—No. 2 mixed 29½ @ 29½  
PORK—Mess 17 00 @ 17 00  
LARD—Steam 10 25 @ 10 25

Indianapolis.  
WHEAT—No. 2 red 69 @ 69  
CORN—No. 2 mixed 60½ @ 60½  
OATS—No. 2 white 27½ @ 28

## HYPNOTISM THAT FAILED.

The Scheming Operator Got Too Near  
His Subject and Something  
Happened.

"I have come," said the clever young hypnotist, making two or three mysterious passes with his hands and looking straight into the old man's eyes, relates the Chicago Record-Herald, "to ask you for your daughter. We love each other very dearly—look out, there is a horsefly buzzing near your left ear!—and we want your blessing. I am fully prepared to take care of a family—you don't remember your name, do you?—and the sweet one who is so near and dear to you will be perfectly safe in my keeping. Of course you would not think of raising an objection that might make her unhappy all the rest of her life, would you? Yes, it is very kind of you to give—oh, poor old donkey, have you eaten all the nice fresh grass there? Come, I will lead you to another spot where it is longer and greener, and we will—"

"All right, all right," said the office boy, snatching his thumb and finger close to the clever young hypnotist's ear. "Wake up! It's all over."

"Where am I?" the clever young hypnotist asked.

"Out in the alley. I guess the donkey didn't like that last grass. He kicked."

## DRIVEN TO DESPERATION.

Seasick Maiden Gives Up Every-  
thing, Including Her Love for  
Her Lover.

The maiden was suffering with seasickness. In fact, she was, "at the time when the incidents of this story open," a veritable mal de mermaid. Her lover, whose heart ached at her most unromantic gaspings over the rail and her agitated and strenuous effort to tamp the hole in the bottom of the sea, approached her tenderly, relates the Los Angeles Herald.

"It is too bad," he said, idiotically. "Is—is it?" she asked, satirically, as she again made Pelee-oid demonstrations.

"Too bad you had to give up," he continued, with the same beautiful intelligence that characterizes all persons who try to render first aid to the seasick.

"Yes," she said, with exasperated savagery, as she wiped the tears from her reddening lids. "I have given up everything but my love for you; and now"—she made a wild reach for the rail once more, and, after a few moments, she completed her sentence—"there, that's gone, too."

But they made up again when she was better.

Why It Was All Right.—"You needn't be at all afraid to speak to papa, George. I am sure he will be all right." "What makes you think so?" "He asked me last night what your business is, and when I said you were a retired coal-dealer he smiled and said he guessed that settled it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## MOTHER AND DAUGHTER

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Miss Pearl Bousch, writes: "When I was a baby I contracted catarrh, and



was doctored by several good physicians, but none did me any good. My mother was taking Peruna at the time and gave some of it to me, and I soon began to improve, and am now well and fat as a little pig. I am twelve years old. The doctors told mother I had the consumption, but it was only catarrh."—Miss Pearl Bousch.

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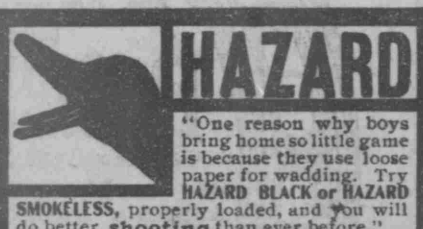
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